The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that promotes volunteerism to support peace and development worldwide. Volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and it benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for volunteerism globally, encouraging partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing volunteers. In most cultures, volunteerism is deeply embedded in long-established, ancient traditions of sharing and support within the communities. In this context, UN Volunteers take part in various forms of volunteerism and play a role in development and peace together with co-workers, host agencies, and local communities. In all assignments, UN Volunteers promote volunteerism through their action and conduct. Engaging in volunteer activity can effectively and positively enrich their understanding of local and social realities, as well as create a bridge between themselves and the people in their host community. This will make the time they spend as UN Volunteers even more rewarding and productive.

General Information

| Country of Assignment         | Lao People's Democratic Rep       |
| Host Institute               | World Health Organization         |
| Volunteer Category           | International Specialist          |
| Number of Volunteer          | 1                                 |
| Duration                     | 6 months                          |
| Possibility of Extension     | Yes                               |
| Expected Starting Date       | Immediate                         |
| Duty Station                 | Vientiane [L AO]                  |
| Assignment Place             | Family Duty Station               |

Living Conditions

The position will be based in Vientiane city, the national capital of Lao PDR. Living conditions in Vientiane are acceptable, with relatively good road infrastructure and health facilities.

Vientiane is a relatively safe place to live in, with violent crime incidents rare. However, single females should exert vigilance if moving alone during the dark and it is best advised to move in groups.

The biggest hazards relate to traffic accidents, hence utmost care should be exerted when in traffic, especially when riding a motorbike.

The Vientiane entertainment scene is still quiet and in order to avoid feeling lonely, the person should be proactive in forming friendships, and hence should be ready to make the best of e.g., the UNV Buddy Programme.

The weather temperature is warm even during the rainy season which starts in June and lasts until September. Temperature is lowest
Assignment Details

Assignment Title: Malaria Elimination Officer

Organizational Context & Project Description

The International UN Volunteer, Malaria Elimination Officer will work primarily with the National Malaria Program, the Centre for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology (CMPE) as well as provincial malaria programs that are implementing malaria elimination activities. The World Health Organization will be the host agency for the UN Volunteer under the direction of the WHO malaria technical officers based in the Lao country office. The position will operate on a day to day basis at the national level with CMPE, however regular visits to targeted provinces and districts will be required. The core roles of the position are to support the national malaria team as well as key provincial and district units implement key malaria elimination activities under the National Malaria Strategic Plan, including supporting the revision of national malaria elimination policy and protocols, disease surveillance, case and foci investigation and response and capacity building in using data for operational decision making at all levels of the program, including through the National Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC).

Sustainable Development Goals

3. Good Health and Well-being

Task description

Under the direct supervision of the WHO Malaria Technical Officer, the UN volunteer will assist the CMPE unit of the Ministry of Health to fulfil their objectives with particular focus on supporting revisions and implementation of malaria elimination policies and protocols. The UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- Work with the National CMPE staff to review the existing National Malaria Elimination Surveillance and Response Guidelines, and revise the guidelines based on lessons learnt and to align with the new National Malaria Strategic Plan 2021-23;
- Work with the CMPE, Provincial and District Malaria offices and health facility staff to improve understanding and capacity to implement the revised malaria elimination strategies and activities, specifically to:
  - Support sub-national training on the new national Malaria Elimination and Surveillance and Response Guidelines in elimination areas;
  - Improve provincial and district malaria office capacity to regularly and systematically analyse and interpret malaria elimination surveillance data in the malaria information system (DHIS2) and to address common programmatic issues;
  - Assist the provincial and district malaria staff, as well as health facility staff, to conduct effective and timely case and foci investigation and response activities (including reporting);
- Work with the National CMPE staff to develop a national malaria elimination certification roadmap, which includes the creation of key documents, policies, reporting systems and other criteria that are essential to meet the WHO malaria elimination certification requirements;
- Work with the CMPE and the PHEOC, which is under the national Department of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC), to improve the understanding, integration and utilization of malaria data at the PHEOC, as part of the strengthening and of this body to provide oversight and high-level support for the effective implementation of malaria elimination activities;
- Participate in and contribute to the ongoing WHO Respectful Workplace Initiative that encourages trust, responsibility, accountability, mutual respect, open communication and where the dignity and diversity of individuals are fully embraced;
- Undertake other tasks as required.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are required to:

- Strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and take active part in UNV activities (for instance in events that mark International Volunteer Day);
- Be acquainted with and build on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the host country;
- Provide annual and end of assignment reports on UN Volunteer actions, results and opportunities using UNV’s Volunteer Reporting Application;
- Contribute articles/write-ups on field experiences and submit them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.;
- Assist with the UNV buddy programme for newly arrived UN Volunteers;
- Promote or advise local groups in the use of online volunteering, or encourage relevant local individuals and organizations to use the UNV Online Volunteering service whenever technically possible.
Results/Expected Outputs

- Provincial and District malaria staff in elimination areas are able to routinely analyse and present findings based on malaria elimination data provided in the DHIS2 database;
- Provincial and District malaria staff, in cooperation with health centre staff, are able to routinely investigate, respond and report in a timely manner on all malaria cases and foci within elimination areas;
- The CMPE and PHEOC develop clear and systematic channels of communication and mechanisms of coordination to ensure that the PHEOC can provide national oversight on the progress and effectiveness of malaria elimination;
- A malaria elimination roadmap is developed clearly outlining all of the required policy and reporting criteria that Lao PDR needs to develop in order to meet the WHO malaria elimination certification criteria;
- A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed;

- The development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) national staff or (non-) governmental counter-parts, including Implementing Partners (IPs); • Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated and documented in all activities throughout the assignment • A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace and development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers mobilized, activities participated in and capacities developed.

Qualifications/Requirements

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Education - Additional Comments

- Bachelor degree in medicine, science, public health or another relevant associated health field;
- Postgraduate degree in public health, epidemiology, health systems, health science or a related field.

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Experience Remark

- A minimum of two years of work experience in a public health program or in a related field;
- Experience working in a developing country setting;
- Experience working in disease surveillance and/or public health implementation is desirable.

Language

- English (Mandatory), Level - Fluent
- And One of these - Laotian, Thai (Optional), Level - Working Knowledge

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Area of Expertise Requirement

- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English;
- Knowledge of Lao language is desirable.

Need Driving Licence

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Competencies & Values

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Knowledge Sharing
- Planning and Organizing
- Professionalism
- Respect for Diversity
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

Conditions of Service and other information

Condition of Service

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Conditions of Service for International Specialist:


The rapidly changing nature of novel coronavirus COVID-19 has placed significant and increasing restrictions on the freedom of movement of people across the globe, within countries and across borders. Such restrictions make it very difficult for international UN Volunteers to begin their assignments at their assigned duty station and UNV cannot guarantee assignments will proceed as normal.

Candidates for international UN Volunteer assignments during this period may be exceptionally granted alternative working arrangements to work from their place of recruitment until restrictions are lifted. This is at the discretion of the host entity. Candidates proceeding to interview are recommended to discuss the likelihood of travel and possible alternative arrangements with the host entity. If selected, candidates should carefully consider the circumstances before accepting UNV’s offer.
In cases where the UN Host Entity partner has requested the UN Volunteer to perform their assignment remotely, the Post Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) and related entitlements to be paid may be adjusted to the temporary duty station from where the UN Volunteer has been requested to work if requested by the UN Host Entity.

The contract lasts for the period indicated above with possibility of extensions subject to availability of funding, operational necessity and satisfactory performance. However, there is no expectation of renewal of the assignment.

A UN Volunteer receives a Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) which is composed of the Monthly Living Allowance (MLA) and a Family Allowance (FA) for those with dependents (maximum three).

The Volunteer Living Allowance (VLA) is paid at the end of each month to cover housing, utilities, transportation, communications and other basic needs. The VLA can be computed by applying the Post-Adjustment Multiplier (PAM) to the VLA base rate of US$ 1,651. The VLA base rate is a global rate across the world, while the PAM is duty station/country-specific and fluctuates on a monthly basis according to the cost of living. This method ensures that international UN Volunteers have comparable purchasing power at all duty stations irrespective of varying costs of living. The PAM is established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and is published at the beginning of every month on the ICSC website http://icsc.un.org.

For UN Volunteer entitlements, kindly refer to the link https://vmam.unv.org/calculator/entitlements

In non-family duty stations that belong to hardship categories D or E, as classified by the ICSC, international UN Volunteers receive a Well-Being Differential (WBD) on a monthly basis.

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are provided a settling-in-grant (SIG) at the start of the assignment (if the volunteer did not reside in the duty station for at least 6 months prior to taking up the assignment) and in the event of a permanent reassignment to another duty station.

UNV provides life, health, permanent disability insurances as well as assignment travel, annual leave, full integration in the UN security framework (including residential security reimbursements).

UN Volunteers are paid Daily Subsistence Allowance at the UN rate for official travels, flight tickets for periodic home visit and for the final repatriation travel (if applicable). Resettlement allowance is paid for satisfactory service at the end of the assignment.

UNV will provide, together with the offer of assignment, a copy of the Conditions of Service, including Code of conduct, to the successful candidate.

Supervision, induction and duty of care of UN Volunteers

UN Volunteers should be provided equal duty of care as extended to all host entity personnel. Host entity support to the UN Volunteer includes, but is not limited to:

- Introductory briefings about the organisation and office-related context including security, emergency procedures, good cultural practice and orientation to the local environment;

- Support with arrival administration including setting-up of bank accounts, residence permit applications and completion of other official processes as required by the host government or host entity;

- Structured guidance, mentoring and coaching by a supervisor including a clear workplan and performance appraisal;

- Access to office space, equipment, IT support and any other systems and tools required to complete the objectives of the assignment including a host entity email address;

- Access to shared host entity corporate knowledge, training and learning;
- Inclusion of the volunteer in emergency procedures such as evacuations;
- Leave management;
- DSA for official travel, when applicable;
- All changes in the Description of Assignment occurring between recruitment and arrival or during the assignment need to be formalized with the United Nations Volunteer Programme.

**Application Code**

LAOR000554-7370

**Application procedure**

* **Not yet registered in the UNV Talent Pool?**

Please first register your profile at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup](https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/signup). Important: After creating your account, complete all sections of your profile and submit it. Then go to ‘My Page’ at [https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage](https://vmam.unv.org/candidate/mypage) and click on the ‘Special Calls’ hyperlink. Lastly, select the special call to which you would like to apply.

* **Already registered in the UNV Talent Pool?**

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**Application deadline:** 31-08-2020

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